



# Town of Southern Shores

## News From Town Hall

### April 2006



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#### From the Mayor

Thank you fellow citizens of Southern Shores for your positive response to my "Mayor's Chats". These chats are scheduled to start at 5:45 p.m. before the regular Town Council Meetings, the first Tuesday of each month.

Those of you attending have given me welcomed feedback. Many concerns and issues are being expressed and shared in an informal setting. This is my vision of what small town government is all about.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend these sessions, I urge you to come and address any questions you may have. You are also encouraged to email the Town Manager at anytime there is a problem or if you care to comment on issues good or bad. These will be forwarded to Town Council and/or staff.

Southern Shores continues to be a Town of volunteerism. April 22nd is an opportunity to do so. Come join your neighbors for our Town Spring cleanup. Details follow in this newsletter.

I look forward to serving you as your Mayor.

Don Smith

#### 2006 Town Council Retreat Goals January 12-13, 2006

The following list of goals is not exhaustive but lists those items the Southern Shores Town Council felt were its top priorities requiring attention in 2006. The Retreat featured presentations on the community Long Range Plan just completed by a volunteer committee, an updated of prior-year goals, public input from citizens and non-resident property owners, and discussions with Town staff.

To aid themselves and staff, the Town Council prioritized their goals into three categories. *Inside the categories, the goals are listed in no particular order.*

#### Category One Goals -GOALS REQUIRING THE GREATEST ATTENTION BY THE TOWN GOVERNMENT

- Canal dredging project.
- Prudent fiscal management; establish multi-year budget policies.
- Develop a genuine capital improvement plan.
- Improve communications with citizens and volunteer boards/committees.

#### Category Two Goals— GOALS THE TOWN COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SEE COMPLETED OR SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MADE IN 2006

- Complete the property numbering project, including the proper numbering of developed properties and the naming of streets.
- Install a bathroom, shower, and changing area at the Public Works Building.
- Update the Town Code, along with the Zoning and Subdivision ordinances.
- Provide equipment and training to do small road repairs, such as repairing large potholes and edge-of-pavement failures.
- Receive Stormwater policy/improvement recommendations for the Stormwater Management Advisory Committee and the Planning Board; develop an implementation plan.

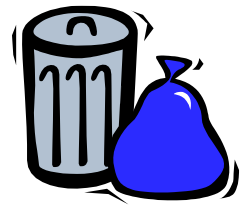
#### Category Three Goals—GOALS THAT SHOULD RECEIVE ATTENTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND STAFF BUT THEIR COMPLETION IS DEPENDENT UPON AVAILABLE TIME AND RESOURCES

- Establish a committee to investigate a Southern Shores "Gathering Place".
- Implement low-budget stormwater projects that diminish stormwater problems in small areas.
- Investigate (and possibly take action):
  - ✓ Placing more utilities underground.
  - ✓ Cellular coverage within the Town/region.
  - ✓ Monitor (and possibly take action) on municipal beach renourishment plans.
  - ✓ Review lot coverage rules and receive recommendations from the Planning Board.
  - ✓ Review public safety service levels of service and monitoring systems.
  - ✓ Study the level, kind (type), and friendliness of Town services and service delivery.
  - ✓ Study the trashcan rollback law and other solid waste issues.

The Town Council recognizes that events beyond their control will alter this list of goals. The purpose of the Retreat and the goals was to review with citizens where the Town is heading and to enhance a positive direction for the Southern Shores community. These goals represent a prioritization of just some of the many ways citizens, businesses and non-resident property owners move the community towards a better future.



# COME JOIN US FOR THE SOUTHERN SHORES SPRING CLEAN UP DAY



## SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006

Help clean up the Town and be a winner!

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER** by calling Town Hall  
261-2394 or email [Merrie](#)

- Stop by the Town Hall any day from April 17 through April 21 to pick up your trash collection bags **OR** on April 22 at the SSCA Hillcrest Beach Parking lot from 9AM to Noon.
- Collect trash and recyclables.
- Turn in your bags of collected trash and recyclables to the Hillcrest Beach Parking Lot from 9AM to 12 Noon, Saturday, April 22.
- Join your neighbors, Saturday from 12 Noon to 1PM at the Hillcrest Beach Parking Lot for lunch.
- Admission to the lunch is at least one bag of trash
- Parking Lot Prizes will be awarded starting at Noon and given out until all are gone!
- Calling all Youth! Bring your friends, have fun cleaning up Sea Oats Park and get a free lunch, coupons and a chance to win some other prizes.



## Town of Southern Shores Telephone Number and E-Mail Addresses

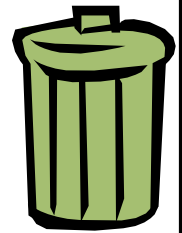
**Town Offices Phone Number: 252-261-2394** for Administration, Code Enforcement/Building Inspections Police Department and Public Works.

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**NEED A POLICE OFFICER NOW? DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES  
DIAL 473-3444 FOR NON-EMERGENCY  
SOUTHERN SHORES POLICE OFFICERS ARE AVAILABLE 24/7/365.**

### **GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE**



**Fall/Winter Schedule:** Now thru May 31; garbage and recycling pickup every Monday

**Summer Schedule:** May 31 thru Sept. 30; garbage pickup every Monday and Friday and recycling pickup every Monday.

Please always insure your cans are set out at curbside spaced **at least 3 feet apart** so the automatic arm on the truck can pick them up. If the cans are spaced less than 3 feet apart the arm may just knock them over. It is equally important that all garbage and recycling be placed inside the appropriate can (green for garbage, maroon for recycling). Please do not place garbage or recyclables outside their respective cans. Please do not use the old small blue baskets to set your recyclables out.

You may purchase additional trash or recycling cans by sending or dropping a check by Town Hall for \$60.00 and we will deliver the can to your property. Rental properties with 4 bedrooms or less are required to have two trash cans. Rentals with 5 to 7 bedrooms are required to have three trash cans.

Reminder: Cans must be rolled out and rolled in from the curb within 24 hours of collection per Town Ordinance. Also, Garbage collection in the summer begins at 3:00 A.M.

**TRASH SCHEDULE MAGNETS & STICKERS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL**



# **ROLL OUT/ROLL IN -24**



## Southern Shores Police Department

Anytime you need a police officer, Southern Shores Police Officers are just a call away – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you have a life threatening emergency, just dial 911 and emergency help will be on its way quickly. For all other times you need a police officer call 473-3444, anytime day or night, and an officer will assist you. Write that number down plus pick up a free sticker at Town Hall. Keep this number by your home phone and put the sticker on your cell phone.

**Do not** call Town Hall for a police officer. Call 473-3444 and a police officer will assist you.

### Canal Dredging Project

The Southern Shores Canal Dredging Project, which had been making great strides to getting underway in 2006, has been pushed back at least another year. An adequate spoils disposal area for Phase I was not able to be secured. Regretfully, when the Town was laid out, there was no land set aside nearby for dredging spoils. The Town needs a site of approximately 5-10 acres that would be needed over 1-3 dredging cycles (September through March) to handle the 130,000 cubic yards of dredge material.

Town officials are talking with several property owners regarding possible spoils handling sites. Watch the Broadcast News for updates on this critical project.

**Get Town News Weekly:** If you want to be kept better informed early, we can add you to our list of nearly 1200 families who receive weekly (sometimes more) **Town broadcasts** emails.

Broadcast News alerts you to upcoming events, recent happenings and storm information. To sign up go to the Town website [www.southernshores-nc.gov](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov) then to “broadcast news” and follow the instructions.



### SSCA Youth Committee

#### Supports Town Clean Up Day

Calling all youth! Come help with **Clean Up Day** April 22. Bring your friends

and have fun pitching in to clean up Sea Oats Park. Get a free lunch, coupons and a chance to win some other prizes.



### Please Check Before Building

Check with the Code Enforcement/Building Inspections office before you start any property improvements, including fences, sheds, additions and any major landscaping. Even though a permit may not be required, the Town has seen many of the improvements causing stormwater run-off problems on the street or neighboring properties.

## Hurricane Preparedness

**Keep Informed:** By being aware and staying tuned in to local radio stations and television broadcasts, the general public is able to find out what to do, when to do it and where to go. (**Join the Town's broadcast**) In addition, 24-hour-a-day storm information can be received from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio.

**Evacuate early:** Plan to evacuate early, and keep a full tank of gas during the hurricane season. Learn the best evacuation route before a storm forms and make arrangements with friends or relatives inland to stay with them until the storm has passed. Leave early, in daylight if possible. Never attempt to drive during a hurricane. Wait until the all-clear is given after the storm. Avoid driving on coastal and low-lying roads. Storm surge and hurricane-caused flooding are erratic and may occur with little or no warning.

### Protect your belongings before you leave:

- Move your most valuable possessions that you can't take with you to higher points within your home.
- Turn off gas, water, electricity. Check to see that you have done everything to protect your property from damage and loss.
- Lock windows and doors.

Stop by Town Hall in June for a copy of Dare County's Hurricane Survival Guide. It will also be available on our website then.

## S. Dogwood Improvement & Multi-Use Path

Two improvement projects will be underway this spring and summer along South Dogwood. First, coincident with the major renovations underway at Kitty Hawk Elementary School, the Town will be improving the street in front of the school to help with traffic flow. That project was awarded to RPC Contracting, Kitty Hawk. The work will likely begin in late May or early June and is expected to be completed by early August. (School starts August 28.)

The second improvement will be installation of a 6-foot concrete bike and pedestrian pathway along South Dogwood from the Cemetery to US158, where it will connect with the US158 bike path. This multi-use path will provide direct bicycle and pedestrian access to Kitty Hawk Elementary School, Duck Woods Country Club, and the neighborhoods along South Dogwood, Ginguite Trail and Pintail. Partially funded by the Dare County Tourist Bureau, the Path will also connect with the path going into Kitty Hawk along The Woods Road and the path heading to Martin's Point. Like the Road Improvement Project, work on the Path will be done by RPC Contracting and will likely begin in late May or early June and is expected to be completed by early August.

For more information or to see the plans for the Road Improvement Project or the Path, please stop by Town Hall during normal business hours (Mon – Fri; 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM).





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**HAPPY EASTER**

Newsletters are available on Town Website!! If you don't want a copy of the future Newsletters call Town Hall 252-261-2394.

### Photos and Crime Reports on Web

A Town Photo Gallery and a Weekly Crime Report have been added to the Town website. Check them out at our website [www.southernshores-nc.gov](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov). The Town website also has information on Town events, Council members, Staff, committees, programs, ordinance changes, meeting minutes, calendar of events, broadcast emails and other informational links.



### News Flash: Large Item Pickup will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Materials for the Large Item Pickup must be curbside by 6:00 A.M. on April 25 as there is no second day pickup. Do not put items out earlier than Thursday April 20. The following recyclable items will be picked up: used auto tires, used motor oil in spillproof containers, auto radiators, scrap metal like rims & motor parts and appliances. Please remove doors from refrigerators. ***The following items will not be collected:*** old clothes, construction debris-which means no building materials such as lumber. Also not collected are shoes, cardboard, tree limbs, stumps, leaves, yard-clearing debris and any hazardous materials (oil based paint/stains, pesticides, etc.) Water based paint can be picked up but it must be dried out.



### Community Pride Souvenirs Available Online

Looking for a gift? Go to our souvenirs page to find we have t-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts, wind jackets, hats, town license plates and license frames. These items are also available for purchase at Town Hall.



**Whatever is not picked up on that day must be removed by the property owner promptly.**



## Shores Volunteer Fire Department Awards Banquet

Shores Volunteer Fire Department held its annual awards banquet at the Duck Woods Country Club January 13, 2006, recognizing the accomplishments and service of the members of the Fire Department to the Southern Shores community.

The event was attended by Southern Shores fire department firefighters, rehabilitation team members, Southern Shores Mayor, Town Manager and Council Members, and the Duck Fire Chief.

Special recognition was given to three long-term dedicated members of the Department who have been with the Fire Department since its early years. Dave Bakken, Peter Macfarlane, and Bill Albrecht have dedicated countless hours to build one of the finest volunteer fire departments on the Outer Banks and have served as an inspiration for dozens of others to do the same. Bob Ruff was recognized as the 2005 Firefighter of the Year. He has achieved his Firefighter I certification, is a Driver/Operator, currently serves on the SSVFD board of directors and has the rank of Sergeant for the East Station. The Rookie of the Year award had to be expanded to recognize two outstanding new members of the Fire Department. Their interest in serving the Department and the community was evidenced by their dedication to learning new skills and doing whatever it takes to make the department excel. Dave Evans and Ken Swankie were recognized as Rookies of the Year.

A new recognition award was given this year, selected by the general department membership. The Officer of the Year was given to George Kowalski. He has been a member since 2002, a past recipient of Rookie of the Year. George has achieved Firefighter I and Firefighter II certification, serves as a Driver/Operator, member of Rescue 12, and currently is the Chairman of the Board of Directors. George holds the rank of Captain and Training Officer. Another new award, the Chief's Award, was given to Elmer Seuffert. Elmer had been a firefighter for many years, and most recently serves with the rehab team.

The coveted Keenan Award, which recognizes a member who has gone above and beyond any level of expectation, was given to Dick Furioni. Dick has been a member for five years; serving as a lieutenant, captain, member of Rescue 12, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and currently as Assistant Chief.

New members are always needed in the Department. Anyone who is interested in joining the Fire Department, or wanting more information how they can serve in a number of capacities, can call 252-261-2272, contact any member or stop by the fire department. Meetings are held every Wednesday night at the South Station.



## DOGS – LEASH, BEACH

With good weather upon us, more and more people want to take their dogs to the beach. Don't forget some basic rules:

- All dogs on the beach (and throughout Town) must be on a leash! (and under the control of the handler)
- No dogs are allowed on the beach from May 15 through September 15.
- All dog handlers must immediately clean up feces left by their dog on the beach or along the right-of-way. Does anyone really want to step in that or find it on the beach?

If someone is violating the law, a police officer may be called at 473-3444 anytime day or night.

Remember, please be a responsible pet owner and be kind to your neighbors.

## Safe Pet Vacation Kits:

Available at Town Hall, starting in May will be Safe Pet Vacation Kits. Developed by Dare County SPCA, kits will be here at Town Hall and some rental agencies with important information for traveling pet owners. Among the information will be a temporary dog tag where visitors can write their cell number and/or cottage phone number. If the dog is lost these phone numbers will allow for prompt return of the pet. The Southern Shores Police Department and the Southern Shores Ocean Rescue will have the kits on hand to give out to visitors.

## HOUSE NUMBERS

Visible house numbers can save lives.

Without proper identification, emergency services personnel could be delayed from finding your home.

Town law requires owners of improved property to display in front of each

principal structure the numbers and letters as follows:

“The numbers and letters shall be conspicuously displayed on both sides of a support structure directly in front of the principal structure, not more than ten (10) feet from the street so that the number is clearly visible, day or night, to the driver of a vehicle approaching from either direction. The support standard shall not be less than two (2) feet nor more than six (6) feet above the ground level. Each number shall be not less than three (3) inches in height and contrast in color with its background. The numbers may be placed on both sides of a properly located mail box, unless the mail box is located on the opposite side of the street from the structure. Reflective signs can be ordered from the Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department by stopping in Town Hall or going on line [www.southernshores-nc.gov/SSVFD.htm](http://www.southernshores-nc.gov/SSVFD.htm).

